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of 21 September 2015**

Case Number: T 0456/15 - 3.3.03

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Title of invention:
Ultra-clean fluoropolymers

Patent Proprietor:
3M Innovative Properties Company

Opponent:
Solvay Specialty Polymers Italy S.p.A.

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1), 99(2)

Keyword:

Admissibility of appeal - statement of grounds (not filed)

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**D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.03
of 21 September 2015**

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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 14 January 2015
revoking European patent No. 1661922 pursuant to
Article 101(3) (b) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairwoman B. ter Laan
Members: O. Dury
C. Brandt

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Opposition Division of 03 December 2014, posted on 14 January 2015.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 5 March 2015 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 15 June 2015, received by the appellant, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed and that it was therefore to be expected that the appeal would be rejected as inadmissible pursuant to Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC. The appellant was informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.
- IV. No reply was received.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, neither the notice of appeal nor any other document filed contains anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairwoman:



B. ter Heijden

B. ter Laan

Decision electronically authenticated